Dentist

**Job Description:** Examine, diagnose, and treat diseases, injuries, and malformations of teeth and gums.

**What does a Dentist do?**

* Examine teeth, gums, and related tissues, using dental instruments, x-rays, or other equipment, to evaluate dental health, diagnose diseases or abnormalities and plan appropriate treatments.
* Advise or instruct patients regarding preventative dental care, the causes and treatment of dental problems, or oral health care services.
* Write prescriptions for antibiotics or other medications.
* Design, make, or fit dental appliances, such as space maintainers, bridges, or dentures.
* Diagnose and treat diseases, injuries, or malformations of teeth, gums, or related oral structures and provide preventative or corrective services.

**Outlook:**

Average Salary - $67.81 hourly, $141,040 annual

Projected Job Openings – 51,800 over the next 10 years.

**Your Interests:**

* Do you like to help people?
* Do you communicate well with others?
* Do you pay close attention to details?

**Education/Program of Study:**

* Bachelor’s Degree in a science field followed by Dental School to earn a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) or Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degree.